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JOINT STATE DEFENSE MESSAGE

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL

REF: (A) SEOUL 1261; (B) STATE 71658; (C) CINCUNC

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1. WE REALIZE ARRANGEMENTS ARE FAR ADVANCED FOR
DIPLOMATIC CORPS' DEPARTURE FOR DMZ AND THAT THERE
WILL BE EMBARRASSMENT VIS-A-VIS DIPLOMATS AND POSSIBILITY
DIFFICULTIES WITH ROKG. WE ARE, NEVERTHELESS, UNABLE TO
APPROVE VISIT OF DIPLOMATS TO DMZ AS PROPOSED REF A.
EMBASSY/CINCUNC MUST NOT REPEAT NOT PROCEED WITH
PROPOSED VISIT OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS UNTIL EMBASSY/CINCUNC
COMMENTS REQUESTED REF (B) ARE RECEIVED AND WASHINGTON
AGENCIES HAVE REVIEWED THIS MATTER.

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2. OUR CONCERNS ABOUT DIPLOMATIC CORPS VISIT RELATE NOT ONLY TO SAFETY OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS BUT TO OUR RELUCTANCE TO EMBARK DELIBERATELY ON ARMISTICE VIOLATION. OUR CONCERN IS NOT ONLY THAT NORTH KOREA MIGHT CREATE AN INCIDENT AT TIME OF VISIT, BUT THAT NORTH KOREA AND OTHERS NOT USE A DELIBERATE VIOLATION TO OUR PUBLIC DISADVANTAGE.

3. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, OUR UN POLICY IS BASED ON THE

NEED TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. WE RECOGNIZE MAGNITUDE OF NORTH KOREAN VIOLATION AND RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE DESIRE TO PUBLICIZE IT. AT THE SAME TIME INVOLVEMENT OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED ARMISTICE VIOLATION IS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR OVERALL POLICY, EMPHASIZING MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AS JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF UNC.

4. IN EXPLANATION TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS EMBASSY/CINCUNC MAY EXPLAIN THAT ON BEING INFORMED OF NORTH KOREAN REJECTION OF OUR REQUEST TO ALLOW GROUP TO ENTER DMZ, USG FELT IT COULD NOT PROCEED WITH WHAT WOULD BE CLEAR ARMISTICE VIOLATION. YOU MAY ASSURE THEM THAT IS SOLE REASON FOR OUR SUSPENSION OF VISIT AT THIS TIME.

5. CINCUNC 290615Z MAR 75 REFERRED TO IN REFTTEL (A) HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED IN STATE OR DEFENSE ACTION OFFICES. PLEASE RESUBMIT THROUGH STATE CHANNELS.

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